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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to define the extract as a defatted extract of the seeds or and extract of the defatted seeds of the plants of the genus *Adenanthera*. The claims also have been amended to define the extract as the defatted extract of the seeds and/or an extract of the defatted seeds of the plant *Adenanthera pavonina*.

The amendments have been entered in the claims to distinguish the extract of the present invention from the fats utilized in the composition of Johannsen (US 6,217,874). The Johannsen composition can contain modified fats obtained from plants of the genus *Adenanthera*. However, the extracts of the present invention are obtained from the defatted seeds or the extract of fat-containing seeds in which the fat has been removed from the extract.

The extraction of defatted seeds is disclosed at page 6, lines 20-24 and the defatted extract at page 36, lines 5-7. Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims are fully supported in the specification and claims as originally filed.

Applicants herewith elect with traverse the method claims 17-28 for examination in the present application. Applicants further elect as the species the method of claim 23 for examination in the application. Claims 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 24 read on the species of claim 23.

The Examiner has made the requirement for restriction on the grounds that there is no common technical concept which links the composition claims with the method claims. The Examiner cites Johannsen (US 6,217,874). Applicants respectfully submit that the

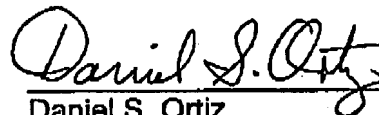
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amendments to the claims distinguish the present invention from the invention disclosed and claimed in Johannsen and therefore there is a common technical linking between the preparation and the method claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn and all of the claims presently in the application be examined.

Favorable consideration of the claims in their amended form is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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